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1. EFFORTS MAKE DEMARCHE HAMPERED BY ABSENCE FOREIGN
MINISTER KEUTCHA AND SECRETARY GENERAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS OWONO.
I RELUCTANTLY REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH ACTING FOREIGN
MINISTER NDAM NUOYA AND PUT IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON SUBJECT,
KNOWING NJOYA PROBABLY OVERWHELMED WITH VISIT CHINESE VICE
PRIME MINISTER, NORMAL WORK AS MINISTER OF NATIONAL
EDUCATION, PLUS WHATEVER ROUTINE BUSINESS HE ABLE HANDLE AS
AD INTERIM MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AUDIENCE GRANTED
AUGUST 19 AND DEMARCHES MADE ON RACISM, PUERTO RICO, AND
ZAIRE-ANGOLA VERIFICATION COMMISSION (LAST TWO BEING
REPORTED SEPARATELY). RESULTS INCONCLUSIVE. END SUMMARY.

2. IT IS VACATION TIME IN CAMEROON AND CONSEQUENTLY I
WAS FORCED TO MAKE DEMARCHE ON RACISM TO NDAM JNOYA, FORMER
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VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WHO CURRENTLY SERVING AS
FOREIGN MINISTER AD INTERIM, IN ADDITION TO HIS NORMAL
TASKS AS MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION. NJOYA IS CAREER
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER AND MOSLEM. HE ALSO PRESIDENT OF
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO, LEADER OF CAMEROONIAN UNESCO
DELEGATION, AND CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO UNESCO EXECUTIVE
BOARD (REPORTED REFTEL C). THEREFORE, IN ADDITION TO

POINTS REFTEL B, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO HIS DISCUSSIONS ON UNESCO DRAFT DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACISM DURING DALLEY-HOLLOWAY VISIT (REFTEL D) AND POINT EMPHASIZED THAT ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON MAIN TASK OF COMBATTING RACISM, WITHOUT GETTING BOGGED DOWN IN EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL ISSUES.

3. NJOYA MADE USUAL NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE, BUT DID PROMISE TO LET ME KNOW ON THIS AND OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED. SINCE HE DOES HAVE REPUTATION AS RESPONSIBLE BUREAUCRAT, I AM HOPEFUL THAT NOT ONLY WILL HE RESPOND, BUT HE MAY INFER A CONNECTION WHICH WAS NOT IMPLIED WITH RESPECT TO ENHANCEMENT OF CHANCES OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD.
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